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INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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**EXDIS** 

USDOC FOR CAGNE/HALE

BRUSSELS FOR FAO

ROME FOR RCAA DWOR

DEPT ALSO FOR NEA/ARP

E.O. 11652: XGDS-4 TAGS: EAIR, QA, US, SL

SUBJ: ALLEGED LEAK OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

REF: DOHA 1387

1. DURING DEC 17 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR, FIPRESIDENT OF GOQ CIVIL AVIATION COUNCIL SAMI GAYID APLEGED THERE HAD BEEN LEAK FROM DEPT OF STATE IN WASHINGTON OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY HIM IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE TO EMBASSY. GAYID CLAIMED THAT A SECRET

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CONTACT IN WASHINGTON HAD PHONED HIM "3 OR 4 DAYS AGO" AND

SUBSTANCE OF CONVERSATION HAD CLEARLY INDICATED TO HIM THAT INFORMATION HE HAD CONVEYED TO EMBASSY HAD BEEN LEAKED. AMBASSADOR ASSURED GAYID THAT WE STRICTLY RESPECTED HIS CONFIDENCE. HE COMMENTED THAT DEPT OF STATE WAS WELL KNOWN AS A SEIVE, BUT DID NOT PURSUE MATTER FURTHER.

- 2. OUR RECONSTRUCTION OF TIMING POINTS TO DOHA 1387 AS TELEGRAM WHOSE CONTENTS GAYID CLAIMS WERE LEAKED.
- 3. NEEDLESS TO SAY, THIS IS A SERIOUS MATTER. GAYID CAN BE
  A SLIPPERY CHARACTER AND MAY BE UP TO SOME MISCHIEF-MAKING,
  BUT WE SEE NO REASON FOR THIS. HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN FORTHCOMING
  WITH EMBASSY AND HIS INFORMATION ACCURATE AND USEFUL. DOHA
  MESSAGE IN QUESTION SPECIFIED THAT HE SHOULD BE FULLY PROTECTED
  AS SOURCE AND WE ARE MOST DISTURBED BY HIS ALLEGATION.
- 4. IN ADDITION TO DOHA 1387, IN RECENT DAYS GAYID HAS PROVIDED US WITH OTHER SENSITIVE INFORMATION REPORTED IN DOHA 1415, 1424 AND 1429. ANY FURTHER LEAKS, ALLEGED OR REAL, WOULD BE DISASTROUS TO OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM, AND THIS IS ONLY LOCAL ASPECT OF POSSIBLE PROBLEM.
- 5. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW DEPT PROCEEDS IN SUCH MATTERS, BUT WISH TO BE ADVISED SOONEST RE ACTIONS CONTEMPLATED AND/OR TAKEN ON THIS ALLEGED SECURITY COMPROMISE.
  PAGANELLI

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